

COMMENT FORM

Public Scoping Meetings

We need your input. Please take a few minutes to provide your comments or questions for the USDA RUS Federal Environmental Impact Statement process and return your completed form today or mail by June 29, 2009. Your comments help in the planning and implementation of the project. **Thank you.**

Completing this form will automatically add you to our mailing list. If you prefer to not be on the mailing list, please check the box below.

☐ I do not wish to be on the project mailing list

Which meeting did you attend? SCOPING MEETING 6/24/09

Please check the following issues that are important to you for transmission line siting.

- ☐ Project Purpose and Need
- ☒ Visual / Aesthetic resources (1)
- ☒ Proximity to residences (1)
- ☐ Land use (agriculture, residential, recreation)
- ☐ Water resources (floodplains, river crossings)
- ☒ Biological resources (wildlife habitat, raptors) (2)
- ☐ Historic and cultural sites
- ☐ Radio or television interference
- ☐ Noise
- ☒ Health and safety (1)
- ☒ Other: PROPERTY VALUE

What additional key issues should be addressed when assessing the potential impacts of this project?

I-078-002

I-078-001

- PROPERTY VALUE WILL CLEARLY BE AFFECTED
- HOW SAFE ARE THESE RUNNING OVER YOUR HOUSE?
- IMPACT TO PEOPLE BEFORE IMPACT TO ANY OTHER
ITEM.

Hampton • Rochester • La Crosse 345 kV Transmission Project

I-078-001

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to human and livestock health and safety will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

The Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be available on the RUS website at: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>. Comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be solicited after its publication.

I-078-002

Your comment has been noted. Socioeconomic impacts to property values affected by the transmission line will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

If you own property in one of the proposed corridors, please indicate all the existing uses of your property below:

- ☐ Agriculture ☒ Residential ☒ Conservation Easement
☐ Commercial ☐ Industrial ☐ Other: _____

Please describe any special uses or circumstances on your property that should be considered when assessing the Project. Please indicate the location of your property.

I-078-003

- PORTION OF PROPERTY CONSIDERED WILD LIFE RESERVE

I-078-008

- HWY 53 IS A VERY BEAUTIFUL DRIVE NORTH OF THE 4 LANE HWY. WOULD BE A SHAME TO MARK THE AREA W/ UNSIGHTLY WIRE CROSSING EVERYONES PROPERTIES.

In your opinion, what are the most sensitive resources (biological, cultural, recreational, ect.) in the Project area and why?

I-078-004

- 1ST PEOPLE & THEIR LIVES
- THERE IS DATA THAT SUGGESTS LIVING VERY CLOSE TO THESE LINES COULD AFFECT YOUR HEALTH. THIS WOULD BE OVER MY HOUSE...

I-078-003

Your comment has been noted. Conservation easements and other existing types of property arrangements are evaluated by the applicant during the routing and siting phase of the project.

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I-078-004

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to human and livestock health and safety will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

In your opinion, was the project description, purpose, and need for the project adequately explained? If not, what additional information is needed?

I-078-005

YES - HOWEVER QUESTION NEEDED...
ACTUAL ENERGY CONSUMPTION OVER LAST
YEAR HAS REDUCED.

I-078-006

WHY NOT LOCAL ENERGY?

I-078-007

PLEASE... IF TRULY NEEDED DON'T
CONTINUE TO ADD THESE STRUCTURES...
ADD/UPGRADE TO THE EXISTING.

Please tell us how to reach you.

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Public participation for the Federal, Minnesota, and Wisconsin permitting processes will be ongoing for the Hampton- Rochester- La Crosse 345 kV Transmission Project. If you sign up for the mailing list, you will be notified when opportunities to participate are being planned.

Please plan to continue your involvement in the process and provide your comments. We appreciate your input.

I-078-005

Your comment has been noted. The Draft Environmental Impact Statement will describe, in detail, project purpose and need. The justification document which has been accepted by the RUS is the Alternative Evaluation study which is available at:
<http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>.

I-078-006

Your comment has been noted. Alternatives to the project will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

I-078-007

Your comment has been noted. The criteria used to route the transmission line is described in the Macro Corridor Study which is available on the RUS website at:
<http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>. These criteria and routing process will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement. The project is still in the development and planning stages and the utilities have not yet permitted a route for the transmission line.

I-078-008

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to the aesthetic quality of the areas surrounding the transmission line will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.